(3) A public latrine should be constructed near the landing place with separate compartments for female passengers;

(4) The Thekkumgopuram tank and a part of the Thekkumgopuram canal, which had been silted up and was of no use to the public, should be converted into a public road; and

(5) The Kodimatha and the market landings should be deepened and widened.

Dewan's reply.—The Government recognise that more basin accommodation is needed at Kottayam. The Chief Engineer will be asked to submit definite proposals.

79. The necessity for constructing a new landing place at Karukachal and connecting it with the Meenachil river.

Mr. A. K. Varkey (Member, T. I. C., Kottayam) said that there were two canals from the first bridge on the new Karukachal road going to different directions and joining the Meenachil river, *viz.*, the Kothukathu river and the Idiyan canal. They were mostly silted up and encroached upon. Pattas had also been granted for some portions of them. The Member said that, since he submitted his memoranda of subjects, the encroachments on the Idiyan canal were being rapidly removed. His proposals were the following, *viz.*,

(1) The encroachments on the two canals should be removed and the portions for which pattas had been granted acquired to secure the full width.

(2) The silt on the canals should be removed and the canals deepened and widened.

(3) A new boat-basin and landing should be constructed on the western side of the first bridge on the new Karukachal road.

(4) A public latrine, with two compartments for males and females, should be constructed near the proposed landing.

Dewan's reply.—The Chief Enginner will be asked to investigate the matter and report.

80. The necessity for constructing a canal from Cherukara to the Changanacherri Market landing.

Mr. Mathai Verghese (Member, Trading Classes, Changanacherri) said that there existed a narrow and circuitous canal from Cherukara in the Vembanad lake to the Changanacherri market landing, which was not fit for the passage of large cargo boats. The length of the canal was 10 miles, whereas the distance from Cherukara to the Changanacherri market landing was only 6 miles. Further, during the hot months of the year, travelling by boat through the canal was not possible for want of sufficient water. The Member requested that a straight canal, 50 feet broad, should be opened from the Changanacherri market landing to Cherukara *kayal*. He also requested that, in registering portions of the Vembanad lake, it was desirable to reckon the requirements of the proposed canal and to reserve sufficient area on both sides of the line from the end of the Changanacherri-Cherukara canal straight up to Kumarakom Thekekara.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

81 The necessity for opening cartable roads from the taluk headquarters to the other villages of the Thodupuzha taluk.

Mr. Ousep Chacko (Member, Thodupuzha taluk) represented that the Thodupuzha taluk was a hilly place and possessed no facilities for travelling. The people experienced much inconvenience for want of good roads. He

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therefore requested that the following two village roads should be made cartable, *viz.*,

(*a*) The 6 feet trace from the Vazhakulam Market in Kumaramangalam *pakuthi via* Kallarkad, Kallar &c. to the public road leading to the Kaliyar Estate.

(*b*) The 6 feet trace from the public road near the Karikode temple and the hospital to Kudayathoor.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

82. The need for the conversion of certain village roads in Kunnathnad taluk into cartable roads.

Mr. K. Narayana Pillai (Member, Kunnathnad taluk) said that there still remained about 15,000 acres of land in the taluk for cultivation, but, for want of facilities of communication, they had not been entered upon and improved. He requested that the following village roads be made cartable, *viz.* (1) from Alwaye to Muvattupuzha; (2) from Edappalli to Muvattupuzha; (3) from Kurichilakode to Keezhillom; (4) from Kaladi to Manjikaud; (5) from Mannurparambu to Perumuzhi; and (6) from Vazhakulam to Chitrapuzha.

Dewan's reply.—The Alwaye to Muvattupuzha road *via* Vengola will be first taken up. The estimate for Rs. 14,470, already sanctioned, will be worked out first.

83. The necessity for establishing a Satrom at Alwaye.

Mr. M. K. Kunju Kadir Pillai (Member, T. I. C., Alwaye) said that the Government were fully aware of the growing importance of the town of Alwaye as a sanatorium and the head-quarters of a taluk. It was high time that a satrom was constructed there, and he requested the early attention of the Government to the matter.

Dewan's reply.—The Chief Engineer will be asked to submit an estimate for a satrom at Alwaye.

84. The need for constructing proper landing places at the Puthen Cutcherry kadavu and the Pandakasala kadavu at Parur.

Mr. A. Govinda Menon, B. A. (Member, T. I. C., Parur) said that the absence of a sufficient number of landing places in Parur had long been felt. The means of communication by land in the taluk were almost *nil*, and the rivers and canals formed the chief routes. The provision of proper landing places was therefore very necessary. Of the three chief landing places, the one at the market was receiving attention. He requested that proper landing places should be constructed at the other two places, *viz*, the Puthen Cutcherry kadavu and the Pandakasala kadavu.

Dewan's reply.—The Chief Engineer will be asked to report.

85. The need for expediting the construction of the Munnar-Devikulam road to Kumili.

Mr. A. J. Wright (Member, the Kannan Devan Planters' Association) said that, though the work of converting the bridle path from Munnar to Devikulam into a cartable road—4 to 5 miles in length—had been begun two years ago, the same was still incomplete. The road had been opened for cart-traffic, but was unfit for use during wet months. He requested that the metalling of the road might be expedited, and, if possible, completed before the next monsoon.

He also requested that the continuation of the road through the Cardamom Hills might be pushed through. It would, he said, open up the Cardamom Hill area, where cultivation was extending very rapidly, and, by affording facilities for the transport of produce, would greatly improve the country. At present there was only a bridle path through that valuable tract of country. He learnt, since reaching Trivandrum, what was being done, and his request was that the work should be expedited as much as possible.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

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